

Juvenile Re-entry Grants

In February, counties began to receive youth discharged from the Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation, Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) as a result of the Juvenile Re-Entry Grant recently enacted by passage of AB 1628 (Chapter 729, Statutes of 2010). Although counties are already receiving youth from DJJ custody onto their probation caseloads, funding is on a reimbursement basis. Disbursements will occur twice each year in October and May based on the numbers of youth served during a given fiscal year.

The primary purpose of AB 1628 was to eliminate DJJ parole by July 2014 and shift this population to county supervision and aftercare. Funding provided via AB 1628 is intended to cover all local costs counties incur for the supervision of AB 1628 youth. Counties are prohibited from using AB 1628 funds to supplant existing funds. Furthermore, counties are required to provide evidence-based supervision and detention practices for those youth who come to them via AB 1628.

For youth who are released from DJJ custody, county probation departments generally receive \$15,000 annually for the supervision and treatment of each youth for up to two years. For discharged youth who are transferred to a local juvenile facility for violating a condition of court-ordered supervision, counties receive \$115,000 annually for each youth.

CSA has a very limited role in the Juvenile Re-entry Grants. Specifically, CSA must consult with the Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC) on a report they are required to submit in July of each year. In addition, CSA has permissive authority to audit the information provided in CPOC's report. By contrast, both DJJ and the Department of Finance (Finance) have significant roles. Every year, by July 10th, DJJ must report to Finance the number of youth transferred to county jurisdiction as a result of AB 1628. Finance is then responsible for calculating the funding allocation for each county and conveying that information to the State Controller's Office for disbursement of funds.

For programmatic questions about the implementation of AB 1628, the DJJ contact is Eleanor Silva, Youth Authority Administrator. Ms. Silva can be reached at 262-1521 or eleanor.silva@cdcr.ca.gov.

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